suggestions from NRI, and NRI organisations are welcomed. Government is considering additional measures which will encourage non-resident Indian to send more money to India.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Border Road from Darbanga to Farbisganj

*16. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a border road from Darbanga to Farbisganj via Nirmali and Veerpur was sanctioned in 1963;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in constructing the road;

(c) whether the amount of Rs. 1500 crores allocated for this purpose in the defence budget for the year 1989-90 remained unutilised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when the construction work of this road is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such allocation was made for this road.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Expenditure incurred on Elections to Lok Sabha

*17 SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The total expenditure incurred on holding the General Elections for the Tenth Lok Sabha by the Union and State Governments; and

(b) how it compares with the expenditure on the general elections to the Ninth Lok Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) and (b) The total expenditure incurred on holding the General Elections for the Ninth Lok Sabha was Rs. 154.22 Crores accord- to provisional figures available with the Government. The information regarding expenditure incurred on elections to the Tenth Lok Sabha is being collected from the State Governments and Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

[*Translation*]

World Bank assistance for Steel Plant in Bihar

*19. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any World Bank assistance is proposed to be provided to set up a steel plant in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Ownership Pattern of IFCI

*20. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to change the ownership pattern of the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government is presently not considering

any proposal to change the ownership pattern of the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI).

(b) Does not arise.

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Free Sale of Gold

2. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Free sale gold buying limited to the wealthy" appearing in the 'Business Standard', Calcutta dated May 26, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any estimate of the black money converted into yellow metal by the wealthy; and

(d) the follow-up action being taken to mop up the black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Calcutta main branch of State Bank of India has sold 32,030 grams of gold comprising of 780 grams in 10 grams bars, 15,350 grams in 50 grams bars & 15,900 grams in 100 grams bars to 136 persons during the period 1-4-1991 to 9-7-1991. The sales were effected as per the extent of stock of 10 grams, 50 grams & 100 grams bars received from Hutti Gold Mines Ltd. through the Government mint & distributed by the Bombay main branch of the State Bank of India.

The gold has been sold through a proper procedure without any discrimination. There are no cases of withholding of stocks of 10 grams bars.

Commission on sale of gold is recovered by the State Bank of India from Hutti Gold Mines Ltd.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Whenever any specific instances of unaccounted money invested in any assets, including gold and jewellery, come to the notice of the Income-tax Department through searches, surveys or other enquiries, appropriate action under the Direct Tax Laws is taken.

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Loss incurred by D.T.C. due to Anti-Mandal Commission Agitation

3. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss incurred by the Delhi Transport Corporation due to anti-Mandal Commission agitation last year;

(b) whether some employees of the Corporation were also suspended during the agitation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During anti Mandal Commission agitation last year, D.T.C. incurred an estimated loss of Rs. 10.08 crores.

(b) and (c) One Driver and one Conductor of Peeragarhi Depot were suspended during the agitation due to negligence of duty and non-compliance of instructions on their part which resulted in the burning of a bus, by the agitators.

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Conditionalities for IMF Loan

4. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY:

PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to all conditionalities put